

Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Center

Fall 2022-Spring 2023

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Who We Are:

The [Asian Pacific Islander Desi American \(APIDA\) Center](#) is committed to educational equity. The Center promotes and affirms the experiences of students who identify as part of the Asian, Pacific Islander, and Desi diaspora. The Center educates and engages with students to foster holistic, academic, and personal development to raise cultural awareness and advocacy needs. Across Sacramento State and in the community, the Center is committed to holding space to cultivate collaboration to address the unique and diverse needs of APIDA students and issues impacting these communities.

Points of Pride

- Grand Opening Community Celebration of the APIDA Center in February 2023; attended by over 500 guests and 20 community non-profit organizations including CSU Chair, Wenda Fong and Journalist Laura Ling.
- The 5th Annual APIDA College Day hosted; over 800 K-12 students with guest speaker and former alumni, State of California Secretary Amy Tong to promote early awareness of college access and career preparation.
- Implemented an APIDA faculty liaison council led by two faculty members and a weekly faculty drop-in office hour in the Center.

Data Outcomes

- 81% of students agreed that APIDA College Day helped them better prepare for college.
- 95% of students agreed that the APIDA Center Lunar New Year events allowed them to feel a sense of belonging.
- 97% of students agreed that the APIDA Center cultural events helps provide a sense of community on campus.

Signature Programs

- Week long **Lunar New Year Celebration** to honor the date as a state holiday and raise awareness about the East Asian culture and community.
- **NextGen-U** a semester long Leadership Program partnership with Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce

- **APIDA Student Leaders Institute** a partnership with OCA-Asian Pacific Advocates to inspire the next generation of leaders in the region.

Events and Activities

- **1st annual Lunar New Year**- four cultural events offered to campus community with over 600 attendees.
- **5th annual APIDA College Day**- a full day outreach event with 800 students from six school districts.
- **7th APIA-U Leadership Training**- a full day training with seven speakers/workshops attended by 130 students.
- **28th Dragon Boat Festival**- 25 APIDA faculty, staff and students led the planning with the community.
- **AAPI Women in Leadership and Lunch**- a panel discussion with four distinguished guests and 220 attendees.
- **APIDA Mental Health Series** (healthy eating and healthy habits)- a two-part workshop with 120 attendees.
- **ASI and APIDA Meet and Greet**- a collaborative gathering to share best practices to engage APIDA students.
- **Shen Yun 2023**- an invited gathering of APIDA faculty, staff and students to attend East Asian performing arts.

Community Partnerships

- AAPI Placer County
- Asian American and Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus
- Asian Resources, Inc.
- Cal Asian Chamber of Commerce
- Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs
- Council of Asian Pacific Together for Advocacy and Leadership
- Hmong Innovating Politics
- Hmong Nurses Association
- Hmong Youth and Parents United
- My Sister's House
- OCA-Asian Pacific Advocates
- Sacramento Asian Chamber of Commerce
- Southeast Asia Resource Action Center

Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Points of Pride

- Convened a workgroup consisting of 30 APIDA faculty, staff and students to develop the vision and direction for the APIDA Center.
- Conducted a mixed methods study and disseminated a campus wide APIDA students' needs assessment report.
- Hosted "Mentoring and Elevating the Next Generation of APIs in News, Theater, and Cinema" Summit a partnership with the CSU.

Data Outcomes

- Asian Pacific American Network 2022 Outstanding Program/Initiative for APIDA Student Success Award: Sacramento State Asian Pacific Islander Desi American College Day.
- CSU awarded Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Student Leadership Network Institute and Student Support Communication Campaigns \$65,000.
- APIDA College Day received in-kind and sponsorship to serve more K-12 students \$14,000

Signature Programs

- **4th annual APIDA College Day**- a virtual event with over 600 K-12 students and guest speaker Assemblymember Evan Low.
- **APIDA Student Leaders Institute**- a two-day summit with nine speakers and 180 attendees.
- **1st annual NextGen U Leadership Program**- a semester long partnership with the Sacramento Asian Chamber.

Events and Activities

- **6th APIA-U Leadership Training**- a full day training with four speakers/workshops attended by 90 students.
- **"Mentoring and Elevating the Next Generation of APIs in News, Theater, and Cinema"**- a virtual summit partnership with the CSU attended by 18 CSU campuses and 1,200 people.
- **To be seen is to be heard**- a virtual symposium to highlight the APIDA student experience attended by cross campus stakeholders.
- **AAPI Hate**- a campus forum and discussion attended by 200 guests on community collaboration to combat and remedy the rise in anti-Asian.
- **Bystander Trainings**- four trainings conducted in partnership with the community to over 300 students, faculty and staff.
- **Prepare to Care**- a partnership with AARP on aftercare and how to engage in culturally sensitive topics of interests with AAPI parents/guardians.
- **Cash for College**- A workshop and partnership with California Student Aid Commission to outreach to middle and high school APIDA students across California.

Community Partnerships

- California State University

- Sierra Health Foundation
- Sacramento City Unified School District